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REMARKS

Claims 42-53 remain in this application.

The allowable subject matter in claims 42-50 and 52 is noted with appreciation.

These claims have been amended to overcome informalities and to provide proper antecedent basis, as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 51 has been amended to depend from independent claim 42, as requested by the Examiner.

Double Patenting

Claims 42, 43, 45, 47, 51, and 53 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1, 8, 24, 41, and 43 of U.S.P. 6,418,419.

A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321 is enclosed herewith to overcome the rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting issue related to U.S. Patent No. 6,418,419.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of all of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mr. Anthony L. Birch (Reg. No. 26,122) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an

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interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

The appropriate fee of \$55.00 for filing of a Terminal Disclaimer is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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